

A Great Opportunity!!!

Nevada's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) has a permanent **"Family Support Resource Committee"** made up entirely of parents of young children with special needs who are no more than 4 years old at the time the parent becomes involved. They meet 4 times a year for half a day and may serve for up to three years.

Nevada's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) was established under federal law for the purpose of advising and assisting Nevada and its Early Intervention Services (serving children birth until three) in managing their responsibilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Family Support Resource Committee Mission Statement:

The Nevada ICC Family Support Resource Committee will support ICC activities and ensure the ICC responds to issues important to families, strengthen and broaden family involvement at all policy and service levels, increase ICC communication with families, provide public awareness support, and identify and support efforts to improve early intervention services and programs within communities.

The Family Support Resource Committee Goals/Objectives will include:

1. Developing and facilitating a "Family Leadership Team Training Meeting/Conference" or "Conversation with Families" meetings with ICC Parent Representatives, ICC Family Support Resource Committee Members, Program Resource Parents, parent leaders and interested parents throughout the state. They then would present their discussions and recommendations at an ICC meeting.
2. Assisting in the development of ideas for new family support projects, which could be piloted in the state and whenever possible serve on other ICC subcommittees or task forces.
3. Planning and implementing strategies for recruiting, training, and supporting parents to assist with and participate in statewide activities, conferences, forums, seminars, research projects, task forces, family satisfaction surveys, program evaluations, committees, professional training, and policy development roles within the state.

Training, travel and stipends will be provided.

A member of The Nevada ICC Family Support Resource Committee will have opportunities to:

- *learn about important issues affecting families with young children with special needs in their community*
- *offer their experience and expertise to develop programs and projects that benefit those families*
- *be a voice for those families by communicating with local and state decision makers*
- *obtain resources and other materials on a wide variety of concerns facing today's families*
- *grow personally through leadership development training*
- *offer support for activities that strengthen the family-community partnership*
- *network with other individuals during scheduled meetings*

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Dan Dinnell collect at (775) 684-3485, or at ddinnell@nvhd.state.nv.us for e-mail.